number of educational institutions operating in MCL Areas are as under:

| | Number |
|---|---|
| Privately managed Schools | 22 |
| Kendriya Vidyalayas | 2 |
| DAV Public Schools | 6 |
| Colleges | 1 |

**GSI's estimate of coal reserves**

780. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the reserves of coal estimated by the Geological Survey of India during Ninth Five Year Plan period, State-wise;

(b) whether exploration of coal deposits in any of the coal fields is being conducted;

(c) if so, the details of progress/ achievements in this regard; and

(d) whether Government propose to infuse fresh capital; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI DILIP RAY) (a): Assessment of coal reserves estimated by GSI during the first two years of IX Plan is 4,099 million tonnes. The state-wise details of additionality of coal reserves is given in table below:

*Statewise coal reserves of India as estimated by GSI During IX Plan*

(Reserves in Million Tonnnes)

| State | 1.1.99 | 1.1.97 | Additional reserves Estimated in two years of IX Plan |
|---|---|---|---|
| Andhra Pradesh | 13337 | 13057 | 280 |
| Arunachal Pradesh | 90 | 90 | 0 |
| Assam | 320 | 320 | 0 |
| Bihar | 68756 | 67819 | 937 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 42772 | 41451 | 1321 |
| Maharashtra | 6970 | 6739 | 231 |
| Meghalya | 459 | 459 | 0 |
| Nagaland | 20 | 20 | 0 |
| Orissa | 49061 | 47890 | 1171 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 1062 | 1062 | 0 |
| West Bengal | 25904 | 25745 | 159 |
| TOTAL | 208751 | 204652 | 4099 |

(b) and (c) The details of coalfields where exploration is being conducted alongwith the progress made in the past two years is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(d) During VIII Plan a sum of Rs. 49.06 crores was spent on promotional drilling. During IX Plan a provision of Rs. 130 crores have been approved by Planning Commission for undertaking exploration activities.

**Statement**

*Coalfield-wise additionalities of coal reserves in first two years of IX Plan*

(In Million Tonnes)

| State | Coalfield | Additional Reserve |
|---|---|---|
| West Bengal | Raniganj and other small coalfields of West Bengal | 159 |
| Bihar | Jharia | 13 |
| | North Karanpura | 156 |
| | South Karanpura | 18 |
| | Auranga | 376 |
| | Rajmahal | 374 |
| Madhya Pradesh | Pench Kanhan | 63 |
| | Suhagpur | 112 |
| | Singrauli | 2 |
| | Sonhat | 5 |
| | Bisrampur | 679 |
| | Pench Bahini | 11 |
| | Hasdeo Arand | 60 |
| | Korba | 109 |
| | Mand Raigarh | 172 |
| | Tatapani Ramkola | 107 |
| Maharashtra | Wardha Valley | 188 |
| | Kamptee | 43 |
| Orissa | Ib Valley | 372 |
| | Talchir | 800 |
| Andhra Pradesh | Godavari Valley | 280 |
| | TOTAL | 4099 |

**Retrenchment in ECL**

781. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem "Pack-